

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/556,952

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the after-final amendments filed 01/23/04 and the RCE filed 03/17/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 30-32 and 34-39.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 10 September 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

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DETAILED ACTION

(1)

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 30-32 and 34-39 have been found to be allowable over the prior art of record.

(2)

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:¹

Methods for the formation of a patterned thin film on a substrate having a patterned SAM underlayer provided thereon through the use of patterned stamp, such as taught by U.S. Patent Nos. 5,512,131 to Kumar et al. and 6,020,047 to Everhart, are known in the art.

Although it is also known, as suggested by Jeon et al. in "Patterning of dielectric oxide thin layers by microcontact printing of self-assembled monolayers", to utilize octyltrichlorosilanes as the organic molecular species for forming the SAMs, none of the prior art specifically teaches or suggests such a method wherein the organic molecular species for forming the SAMs specifically comprises (tridecafluoro-1,1,2,2-tetrahydrooctyl)trichlorosilane.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

(3)

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 40-51 have been cancelled as drawn to an invention non-elected without transverse in the office action mailed May 01, 2002 (Paper No. 5).

¹ These reasons for allowance are, in essence, a reiteration of those reasons for allowance set forth in section (5) of the Final Rejection mailed October 21, 2003.

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(4)

Response to Amendments and Arguments

The amendments and arguments filed after final and entered upon filing of the RCE on March 17, 2004 are acknowledged. As set forth and explained in sections (1) and (2), above, claims 30-32 and 34-39 have been passed to issue. Newly submitted claims 40-51, however, have been cancelled by an examiner's amendment as drawn to an invention non-elected without traverse in the office action mailed May 01, 2002 (Paper No. 5) given the fact that claim 40, by the applicant's own admission,² corresponds to original claim 14 which was non-elected and subsequently cancelled.

(5)

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jerry A. Lorengo whose telephone number is (571) 272-1233. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Crispino can be reached on (571) 272-1226. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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² See, Applicant's Remarks Section, page 8, submitted with the amendments after final on January 23, 2004.